

Welcome to the Panther Valley Ecumenical Church

We are glad you are worshiping with us today!



PANTHER VALLEY ECUMENICAL CHURCH

August 21, 2022

Worship in the Episcopal Tradition

*Connecting with the Community,
Growing Disciples, and Serving Jesus Christ*

Our Worship can be viewed on our website

PantherValleyChurch.org

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11th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

We invite you to begin your personal preparation at the beginning of the prelude.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN #430

O Master Let Me Walk With Thee (Maryton)

Verse 1

O Master let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free
Tell me Thy secret
Help me bear the strain of toil
The fret of care

Verse 2

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear winning word of love
Teach me the wayward feet to stay
And guide them in the homeward way

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

LEADER: Lord, open our lips.

ALL: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

LEADER: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.
Let us now say together:

JUBILATE Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God.

**It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.**

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

COLLECT (see insert)

THE LESSONS

LEADER: The first lesson is from The Old Testament: Jeremiah 1:4-10
(see insert)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 71:1-6 (see insert)

LEADER: The second lesson is from Hebrews 12:18-29
(see insert)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: ALL STAND, Luke 13:10-17
(see insert)

LEADER: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

ALL: Glory to you Lord Christ.

LEADER: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you Lord Christ.

SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;***

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

***He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.***

***He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.***

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

***He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

And now as our Lord Jesus Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LEADER: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

ALL: **And grant us your salvation.**

LEADER: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

ALL: **Let your people sing with joy.**

LEADER: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

ALL: **For only in you can we live in safety.**

LEADER: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

ALL: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

LEADER: Let your way be known upon earth;

ALL: **Your saving health among all nations.**

LEADER: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

ALL: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

LEADER: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

ALL: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

JOYS & CONCERNS

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTES FOR MISSION

Denominational Liaison

Mary Lightfoot

THE OFFERING

Ascribe to the Lord and bring honor and gifts unto His name.

OFFERTORY

THE DOXOLOGY

(unison)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

HYMN #430

O Master Let Me Walk With Thee (Maryton)

Verse 3

Teach me Thy patience still with Thee
In closer dearer company
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong
In trust that triumphs over wrong

BENEDICTION

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

LEADER: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Today's altar flowers are given by Zoe Milelli to celebrate the
1st Year Wedding Anniversary of her son Joe & daughter-in-law, Stevie.*

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Announcements & Upcoming Events

Please pray for:

Carolyn, Susie, Louis, Doris, Rob, Cecelia, Billy, Jerry, Patrick, Jay & Darlene, Gordon, Lois, Sally, Steve, Ellen, Stephanie & Ryan

COLLECTION EXTENDED UNTIL AUGUST 28.

We are grateful to those who have already donated!

Christian Outreach is supporting Allamuchy School with the collection of school supplies. The school has notified us that the following items are needed:

- pocket folders
- 1-subject spiral notebooks
- mechanical pencils
- markers
- water bottles - basic refillable
- boys underwear - sizes 4T, 6, 8 and 10
- snacks - individually packaged snacks such as goldfish, pretzels, crackers, etc.

All food items must be peanut/tree nut free and processed in a facility that is peanut/tree nut free.

Collection boxes are in the narthex and by the office door. The school has quite a few supplies left from last year. *They do not need any backpacks.* Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Invitation to PVEC Members - The Zumba group currently using fellowship hall from 9:30 to 10:30 is moving their class days to Mondays & Thursdays starting the week of September 12th. There is room for up to 10 new participants to join the class. The cost is \$10 per week which allows you to attend 1 class or both classes that week. **ALL ADULT AGES ARE WELCOME!** If interested, please contact Nikki with your name and number to receive a text message from the instructor who will reply with further details.

MINUTES FOR MISSION

During Sunday worship service, we have had volunteer speakers representing PVEC's committees and commissions. Published below is more important information from last week for your consideration.

My name is Jim Visco, and I am the Team Leader of the Communication Commission. The main purpose of the Communication Commission is to oversee all internal and external communications pertaining to PVEC so that all members and others will understand and become interested in participating in our congregation. I accepted this position in late 2018 and I have to say that I did not know what to expect. I located notes that I had taken from some of my first council meetings. We were discussing ways in which we could increase our Youth Group membership, as well as our overall congregation. Several ideas were discussed, for example having an Open House at the church. This idea I particularly liked because that was how my wife Michelle, and I came to be members. However, as we all know, things came to a screeching halt with the advent of Covid 19. I wish I could take credit for the way in which PVEC has handled Covid, but I cannot. It was a team effort by our former Pastor, Council Members, and many others, who were able to identify our needs and took actions that kept PVEC's mission moving forward. Our website was maintained and updated with information. Our internet was upgraded so that Sunday services could be live streamed. Zoom meetings were created for everything from Council meetings to bible study. It has been a great learning experience! Although we have met these challenges head on, I still would love to see our attendance at Sunday Service increase. This will be a challenge for us moving forward post Covid. Hopefully, once a new Pastor is selected a plan of action can be developed to achieve this goal. Please remember, if you have any ideas, or suggestions do not hesitate to contact me. Thank You. Jim Visco Faith - Family – Friends

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~Welcome—we were built for you!~

Panther Valley Ecumenical Church is a multi-denominational church serving northwest New Jersey since 1969. We are formally affiliated with:

The Episcopal Church, The United Church of Christ,
The Presbyterian Church USA, and The United Methodist Church.

We are a congregation of many Christian traditions who worship together in accordance with Christ's prayer: "that they may all be one."

May God's Blessing go with you this week.

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